

STUDENTS' COUNCIL VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday March 18th, 2014
TELUS 134

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (SC 2013-23)

2013-23/1 SPEAKER'S BUSINESS

2013-23/1a Announcements – The next meeting of Students' Council will take place on Tuesday, April 1st, 2014

2013-23/2 PRESENTATIONS

2013-23/2a International Student Services Presentation. Presented by Dr. Indira Samarasekera, President; Dr. Carl Amrhein, Provost and Vice President Academic; and Lisa Collins, Vice Provost and University Registrar. Sponsored by Petros Kusmu, SU President.

The University President, Provost, and Registrar will present to Students' Council on International Student Services. This presentation stems from discussion among the Board of Governors surrounding international student support and services.

2013-23/3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

William Lau, VP Student Life- Report

2013-23/4 BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Josh Le, BFC Chair- Report

2013-23/5 QUESTION PERIOD

MOHAMED/BINCZYK MOVED TO move in camera

Motion: CARRIED
Hansra, Schiavone abstain

CHAMPAGNE/HANSRA MOVED TO move ex camera

Motion: CARRIED

Question Period extended 15 minutes

BANISTER/LAU MOVED TO extend question period by 15 minutes

Motion: FAILED

2013-23/6

BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2013-23/6a

BINCZYK/BATAL MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve the Transit Policy in first reading based on the following principles:

Public transit is a common and important mode of transportation used by University of Alberta students that improves the quality of life of all members in the community and helps reduce our carbon footprint;

The post-secondary transit pass (U-Pass) provides a more affordable public transit option for students than a regular monthly adult pass;

The U-Pass is to be implemented in the academic years consistent with the referendum conditions;

Public transit expansion would allow improved access to commute within the service area for University of Alberta students;

Smartcard technology would reduce the possibility for U-pass fraud and reduce the need for a U-Pass replacement fee;

Students enrolled in Spring and Summer classes spend a significant amount of time commuting to and from Campus and therefore should be able to take advantage of the

Spring and Summer U-Pass regardless of their full-time or part-time enrolment status.

Speakers List: Binczyk, Mohamed, Schiavone

Motion: CARRIED

2013-23/6b

CHELEN/BATAL MOVE THAT Students' Council, upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, approve the Merit Based Awards policy and the Needs Based Awards policy (formerly referred to collectively as the Scholarships and Bursaries policy) in second reading based on the following principles:

The University of Alberta should increase the number and value of awards to undergraduates in order to be consistent with the number and value of entrance awards.

The University of Alberta should increase the relative and absolute amounts of scholarships and bursaries based on students' financial need and involvement on campus.

The University of Alberta should disclose annually the ratio of need to merit based aid, and distribution of awards between years of study.

That donors support students from diverse backgrounds and with diverse skills via scholarship and bursary funding.

That the University of Alberta centralizes information and applications relevant

to scholarships and bursaries.

That the Government of Alberta recognizes the importance of non repayable student aid compared to scholarships

That the Government of Alberta fund bursaries at an equal or higher level than merit based scholarships.

Speakers List: Batal, Speakman, Binczyk, Schiavone

Motion: CARRIED

2013-23/6c

BATAL/CHELEN MOVE THAT upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Students' Council approve the Internationalization Policy in first reading based on the following principle:

The number of international students in Canada increased by 120 percent from 2002 to 2011, and those transitioning from temporary to permanent resident status increased by only 16 percent from 2002 to 2011. The rate of international students transitioning from temporary to permanent resident status in the past decade has not kept up with the pace of international student enrollment in Canadian post-secondary institutions*

The University of Alberta clearly recognizes the importance of international students

A diverse student body and institutional internationalization is a fundamental feature of a high-quality university education

Although post-secondary institutions may charge international students more than domestic students, international students should not bear the burden of an institution's financial deficits

The International Student Differential Fee limits the geographic diversity of our international students because it selects for students in regions where more affluent families can afford education abroad

The International Differential Fee is a fabricated fee by post-secondary institutions and is not regulated by the Government of Alberta or the Public Post-Secondary Institutions' Tuition Fees Regulation

International students have less access to Scholarships and do not have access to Government Student Loans. Furthermore, scholarships available to international students are of complex requirements and difficult to renew and/or regain if lost

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An enhanced campus experience may increase engagement and retention of international students. Research has shown that the lack of integration with domestic students, little accessibility of on-campus housing, and the inadequate quality of career-related programming are the top three issues for international students studying in Canada*

Employers in Canada value cultural awareness and global experiences as

important attributes in a multicultural work environment

Building strong relationships between Canadian and international post-secondary institutions is important for the internationalization of our campus and the global education of our students. Studying abroad is a unique and highly valuable experience that all University of Alberta students should be able to access.

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- a. enrich the educational experience of students at the University of Alberta through the presence of foreign students on campus;
- b. provide assistance to developing nations and their citizens; and
- c. repay in kind for the education Canadian students receive in other countries.

Speakers List: Batal, Speakman, Mohamed, Hansra, Schiavone, Champagne, Malik, Binczyk, Banister, Morris, Hanwell

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SPEAKMAN called to question

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

Nguyen, Kelly abstain

BATAL/LE MOVED TO refer item 2013-23/6c back to the Policy Committee.

GRUHLKE/CORBETT called to question

Motion: CARRIED

Motion: FAILED

LAU/LE MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

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Motion: CARRIED

Nguyen abstain

SCHIAVONE/LAU MOVED TO suspend the standing orders to allow for 3 minutes speaking turns

Motion: FAILED

Main Motion: CARRIED

Automatic Recess at 8:27pm

Meeting called back to order at 8:42pm

2013-23/6d

CHELEN/HANSRA MOVES THAT, upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #7 in first reading based on the following principles:

1. The bylaw shall respect "Student Representative Associations", a definable and enumerable constituency of students which SU Council has delegated its representative authority on student issues to.
2. Language in the bylaw will be amended to be more inclusive of the broader definition of student representative association.
3. A Student Representative Association is not required to be a "student group", but loss of student group status will initiate an investigation into probation.
4. Residence Associations will be defined as the representative of undergraduate student issues for students living in residence, and have similar rights and responsibilities of representation as FAs and CAs.
5. The Residence Hall Association will be defined, governed by the RHA constitution, and will have a mandate similar to COFA, but for Residence Associations.
6. Any other Student Representative Association will have its definition for membership voted on by Council.
7. The VPA is required to consult with the VPSL, Residence Services, and the Dean of Students on all matters pertaining to Residence Associations, and Students Council on all matters pertaining to Student Representative Associations which are not RAs, FAs, or CAs.
8. Discover Governance will maintain the schedule of SRAs and any sub-groups it recognizes as being representative in nature, which they will report.
9. The SU can derecognize an SRA if it violates its fiduciary duty to its membership.
10. SRA legislation must include requirements for transition.
11. SRAs would not submit annual updates of organizational and fiscal goals to the SU.
12. Editorial changes, including grammar and updating terms, will be made.

Speakers List: Chelen, Lau

Motion: CARRIED**2013-23/6e**

CHELEN/SCHIAVONE MOVES THAT, upon the recommendation of Bylaw Committee, Students' Council approve Bill #8 in first reading based on the following principles:

1. Language in the bylaw will be amended to be more inclusive of the broader definition of student representative association.
2. The VPA will be responsible for academic associations, the VPSL for residence associations, and Council for any other SRAs.
3. DG will maintain a schedule of mandatory fees.
4. Mandatory fees can be collected only if they have been passed by a referendum.
5. Financial irregularities will be reported to Discover Governance, not Audit Committee.
6. Mandatory fee or transfer payment funds not given to an FA can be distributed by the SU per the original intent of the fee. Funds not disbursed will be held in trust until the Association has demonstrated financial accountability.
7. The administrative responsibility of the SU when collecting fees will be moved to SU Operating Policy.
8. Audit Committee can recommend to Council that collection of SRA fees cease if they are not satisfied that the association has met the requirements of SU bylaw.
9. Editorial changes, including grammar and updating terms, will be made.

Speakers List: Chelen, Champagne, Hwang

Motion: CARRIED**2013-23/6f**

CHELEN/BATAL MOVE THAT, upon the recommendation of the Policy Committee, Student' Council approve the amendments to the Tuition Policy in first reading based on the following principles: (see attached documents for background information)

- **The statement regarding the Students' Union's non-support of the BoG increasing tuition will be eliminated.**
- **The Students' Union shall not support tuition increases above the consumer price index (CPI).**
- **The Students' Union shall not support increasing program differential fees or market modifiers.**

Speakers List: Chelen, Schiavone, Mohamed, Corbett, Hodgson, Hansra, Gruhlke, Banister, Borden, Champagne, Speakman, Binczyk, Lau, Hanwell, Lam, Batal, Khinda, Kelly, Hwang, Orydzuk

CHAMPAGNE/BATAL MOVED TO move in camera

SCHIAVONE/MALIK MOVED TO amend the motion to read:
CHAMPAGNE/BATAL MOVED TO move in camera but allow executives elect of the Students' Union to remain pending signing of confidentiality agreements.

Motion: CARRIED

HANSRA/MALIK MOVED TO amend the motion to read:

CHAMPAGNE/BATAL MOVED TO move in camera but allow executives elect of the Students' Union and Gateway staff to remain pending signing of confidentiality agreements.

SPEAKMAN/MORRIS Called to question

Motion: CARRIED

Amendment: FAILED

Called to question

Motion: CARRIED

Main Motion: CARRIED

HANSRA/MALIK MOVED TO suspend the rules to require everyone to close their laptops.

KELLY Called to dequorum

Motion: FAILED

BINCZYK/CHAMPAGNE MOVED TO move ex camera

Motion: CARRIED

MORRIS/CORBETT Called to question

Motion: FAILED

CHELENGRUHLKE MOVED TO Suspend the standing orders to not require a recess.

Motion: CARRIED

HODGSON/MORRIS Called to question

Motion: FAILED

SPEAKMAN/MORRIS MOVED TO amend the motion to read:
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- The statement regarding the Students' Union's non-support of the BoG increasing tuition will be eliminated.
- The Students' Union shall not support tuition increases without the majority support from Students' Council.
- The Students' Union shall not support increasing program differential fees or market modifiers.

HODGSON/GRUHLKE Called to question

Motion: CARRIED

Amendment: FAILED
Champagne abstain

CHELEN/LAU MOVES TO lay item 2013-23/6f on the table

Motion: CARRIED
Kelly abstain

CHAMPAGNE/HWANG MOVED to adjourn

Motion: CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 11:10pm